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SYSTEM, METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
DATA TRANSMISSION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Kindly amend the above-referenced U.S. Patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 18, line 1, after "1" delete "or 11".

Claim 21, line 1, after "1" delete "or 11".

Claim 23, line 1, after "1" delete "or 11".

Please add the following new claims:

--29. The data transmission system of Claim 11 wherein the transmission line is
composed of an optical fiber.

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